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Serial No.: unassigned : IPLaw 2Y7/B656
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Filed: (Herewith) : IBM Corporation
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Title: METHOD AND SYSTEM FOR PROVIDING : PO Box 12195
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AN OPTIMAL PATH CHOICE FOR : RTP, NC 27709
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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

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Dear Sir:

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